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**Items for discussion and decision: population and housing censuses**

**Document E/CN.3/2022/8 – Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme**

<i>Statement provided by:</i> CANADA	
<i>Statement:</i> Canada welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme.  Statistics Canada appreciates the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on censuses and expresses concern on the resulting impact. We urge members to implement their censuses despite the pandemic, and offer support to countries who wish to learn from our recent success.  We encourage member countries to research and develop alternatives (such as statistical registers) to traditional census-taking, or as back-up to the operations impacted by COVID-19, and suggest that the UNSD continue to monitor the situation through surveys and Expert Group meetings, until the pandemic conditions worldwide have subsided.	
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